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## MAYOR JERRY SANDERS MEDIA ADVISORY

### **CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON SOLEDAD MOUNTAIN ROAD**

Monday, 2:00 p.m.

- City staff and contractors were on site to monitor the position and condition of the landslide site during this weekend's heavy rains.
- Drainage control measures put in place last Thursday, including covering the entire landslide area along Soledad Mountain Road with plastic sheeting and installing temporary pumps at low spots, helped to limit water flow on to the site.
- Although the site remained mostly dry, some areas remain too muddy for the drilling work needed to continue the installation of shear pins along the western edge of the landslide. Drilling is anticipated to resume tomorrow.
- Three shear pins still need to be installed to complete the first phase of construction involving the placement of thirty-seven shear pins. Weather permitting, all shear pins should be installed by Thursday, December 13.

### **EFFORTS TO DATE...**

- Professionals from the City and outside agencies have been developing engineering options that are now being evaluated.
- Crews have drilled through difficult rock conditions on Soledad Mountain Road on the north side of the collapsed roadway in the public right-of-way. A 30-inch-diameter access hole is now 105 feet deep and geotechnical experts are logging data within the subterranean hole.
- Geotechnical consultants have drilled holes ranging in depth from 33 to 107 feet at the top end of the slide area on Soledad Mountain Road and at the lower end on Desert View alley, to install inclinometers. Inclinometers are instruments that measure soil movement.
- Multiple inclinometers are currently in use on the site. Several piezometers, instruments that measure groundwater, have also been installed.

- Geotechnical experts hired by the homeowners, as well as City-hired experts, continue to record data inside a 33-foot-deep hole dug on private property at the top of the slide above Soledad Mountain Road on the west side of the right-of-way.
- City staff and City-hired consultants continue to share their geotechnical data with private geotechnical consultants to develop methods for repairing damaged roadways and stabilizing the slide area.

City officials remain available to assist home owners. Home owners can contact Carol Drummond, Senior Public Information Officer, at (619) 533-3872. Information is available on the City's web page at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov).

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